

SB1631



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Darin M. LaHood

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 5/1

from Ch. 127, par. 63b122

If and only if Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 7 of the 99th General Assembly is adopted, amends the Governor Succession Act to: (1) eliminate the reference to the office of Lieutenant Governor, and (2) require the successor to be of the same political party as the Governor. Adds the Minority Leader of the Senate to the list of successors.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. If and only if Senate Joint Resolution
5 Constitutional Amendment 7 of the 99th General Assembly is
6 adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
7 Constitutional Amendment Act, the Governor Succession Act is
8 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

9 (15 ILCS 5/1) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b122)

10 Sec. 1. (a) In the event that the Governor, for any of the
11 reasons specified in Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution
12 of the State of Illinois, is not able to exercise the powers
13 and discharge the duties of his office, such powers and duties
14 of the office shall be exercised by the officer next in line of
15 succession, in the order named as follows:

16 (1) (Blank) ~~The Lieutenant Governor;~~

17 (2) The elected Attorney General, provided that the
18 Attorney General is of the same political party as the
19 Governor;

20 (3) The elected Secretary of State, provided that the
21 Secretary of State is of the same political party as the
22 Governor;

23 (4) The elected Comptroller, provided that the

1 Comptroller is of the same political party as the Governor;

2 (5) The elected Treasurer, provided that the Treasurer
3 is of the same political party as the Governor;

4 (6) The President of the Senate, provided that the
5 President of the Senate is of the same political party as
6 the Governor;

7 (7) The Speaker of the House of Representatives,
8 provided that the Speaker of the House of Representatives
9 is of the same political party as the Governor;

10 (8) The Minority Leader of the Senate, provided that
11 the Minority Leader of the Senate is of the same political
12 party as the Governor.

13 (b) The officer next in line of succession shall serve as
14 Governor for the remainder of the term if he succeeds to the
15 office by reason of death, conviction on impeachment or
16 resignation of the Governor. If he succeeds to the office by
17 reason of temporary disability or failure to qualify by the
18 Governor, he shall serve until the Governor qualifies or the
19 disability is removed. An officer who succeeds to the office of
20 Governor by reason of temporary disability of the Governor
21 shall be designated Acting Governor.

22 (c) If an officer next in line of succession shall fail to
23 qualify or if his office is vacant, then the officer next in
24 line of succession after him who is qualified shall serve as
25 Governor.

26 (Source: P.A. 82-105.)